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Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the 8th Grade Civics Class from the Dailey Middle School in Lowell, accompanied by their teacher, Ms. Miranda.

Dailey Middle
School
Civics Class.

For their semester civics project, this class chose to focus on supporting teen moms and improving the health and sex education curriculum in Lowell Public Schools. At this year's 3rd annual Civics Day, students presented the civic action project on Teen Pregnancy and Sex Education and was one of the Lowell 5 Middle School projects awarded on to the State Civics Day Showcase at the DCU Center in Worcester next week. The power of civic engagement and responsibility by our committed and dedicated students for the overall well-being of our communities.

They were the guests of Ms. Howard of Lowell.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Leo Ambrose on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Leo
Ambrose.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Camden Bettez on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Camden
Bettez.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Calvin Dowds on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Calvin
Dowds.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Milan Siano on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Milan
Siano.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Donahue of Worcester) relative to extending until Monday, July 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Cannabis Policy is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4692).

Extensions of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) relative to extending until Friday, June 7, 2024 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4693).

Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Sunday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4690).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) of its activities for calendar year 2023; and

Public utilities.

From the Executive Office of Education (see Section 1T of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on student preparedness for workforce and post-graduate success by school district and high school;

Student preparedness.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Turco of Winthrop presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to financial literacy and money management; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Financial literacy.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sadosa relative to adoptions outside of the Commonwealth. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Adoptions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Daniel Cahill relative to the financing of qualifying improvements to residential property. To the committee on Revenue.

Residential property.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to employee fairness (House, No. 1941);

Drug tests.

To enhance child passenger safety (House, No. 2318);

Safety belts.

Relative to retired Quincy firefighter Kevin Bythrow (House, No. 4534) [Local Approval Received];

Quincy,—
Kevin Bythrow.

Authorizing the appointment of retired firefighters as special firefighters in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4666) [Local Approval Received]; and

Quincy,—
firefighters.

To ensure legal parentage equality (House, No. 4672);

Parentage
equality.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 244, 246, 247, 252, 253, 254, 257, 258, 261, 272, 276, 278, 279, 280, 282, 286, 287, 291, 292, 293, 296, 297, 301, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, 310, 317, 319, 321, 323, 324, 325, 327, 328, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 340, 343, 350, 352, 353, 354, 358, 363, 367, 370, 375, 376, 377, 379, 380, 384, 385, 390, 391, 394, 395, 396, 397, 1435, 2262, 3563, 3817, 3866 and 4154, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to alcohol sales, telephone solicitation, licensure and other related matters (House, No. 4680).

Alcohol sales,
telephone
solicitation,
licensure,
etc.,— study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 930, 941, 946, 965, 966, 969, 970, 976, 979, 983, 988, 991, 992, 993, 994, 1002, 1003, 1009, 1019, 1020, 1022, 1029, 1031, 1037, 1039, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1045, 1047, 1050, 1052, 1053, 1055, 1056, 1058, 1059, 1063, 1065, 1081, 1082, 1091, 1096, 1098, 1110, 1111, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1119, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1130, 1132, 1134, 1138, 1147, 1149, 1150, 1159, 1160, 3554, 3584, 3586, 3757 and 4068, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to auto and health insurance (House, No. 4691).

Auto and
health
insurance,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill to modernize the Massachusetts insurer's insolvency fund (House, No. 962), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Insurer's
insolvency
fund.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 425, 430, 442, 449, 454, 472, 499, 535, 547, 550, 571, 3568, 3943 and 3944, a Bill relative to special education (House, No. 4681). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Special
education.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4588, a Bill authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4688) [Local Approval Received].

Palmer,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing recall methods for elected officials in the town of Lakeville (House, No. 4125) [Local Approval Received].

Lakeville,—
recall
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to town elections in the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4203) [Local Approval Received].

Hopkinton,—
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing for recall elections in the town of North Brookfield (House, No. 4272) [Local Approval Received].

North
Brookfield.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to city employment and candidacy in the offices of mayor, city councillor-at-large, ward councillor, and school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 4638) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,—
employment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3577, a Bill relative to uniformity of ballots in polling places (House, No. 4689).

Ballots,—
uniformity.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge (House, No. 3883);

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4091); and

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Nuias Daveiga (House, No. 4431);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty-six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-two minute after twi o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4601), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2800.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz,

Committee of
conference.

Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in Boston (House, No. 3741) [Local Approval Received], ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4696). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
liquor
licenses.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4696) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill clarifying and normalizing non-public school service purchases (House, No. 3977), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill clarifying creditable service buyback for publicly funded non-public schools (House, No. 4699). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Schools,—
creditable
service.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4699) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (House, No. 4117), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4700). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lowell,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be

correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4700) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the direct wine shipper license (House, No. 4130), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4698). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Direct wine shippers.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4698) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Lancaster (House, No. 4300) [Local Approval Received], ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the town of Lancaster (House, No. 4701). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lancaster,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4701) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to a model carrier reporting requirement (House, No. 4478), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4697). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Liquor deliveries.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Worrell of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 4697) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.